Strengthening of Social Security Net

308. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to rationalize labour laws to strengthen Social Security net;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether labour unions have been consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, by when this Bill is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Possibilities are being explored by the Government for extending Social Security net to the unorganized sector workers by rationalization of Labour Laws. The issue has been discussed during Indian Labour Conference with the representatives of the Trade unions. No time frame can be suggested at this stage.

Medical Insurance to Rag-Pickers

309. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Organisation in.their study had identified Pune rag-pickers as a high-risk group prone to health hazards;

(b) whether as a result of this, the Pune Municipal Corporation are 'proposing to offer medical insurance to rag-pickers; if so the details thereof; and

(c) whether such an insurance cover has also been offered by some other Government agency; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.